

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-10 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:
~~an image carrier~~ a movable image bearing member on which an image is formed;

~~an a movable~~ intermediate transfer ~~body, movable member, being~~ in contact with said ~~image carrier~~ image bearing member, to which the image on ~~the said image carrier~~ image bearing member is transferred; and

a controlling means for starting ~~a the~~ drive of said ~~image carrier~~ image bearing member after ~~a the~~ drive of said intermediate transfer ~~body member~~ member is started.

2. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~said image carrier starts image formation~~ an image formation is started on said image bearing member based on movement of said ~~image carrier~~ image bearing member.

3. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, and further comprising a cleaning ~~means~~ member for cleaning said ~~image carrier~~ image bearing member, in contact with said ~~image carrier~~ image bearing member.

4. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, and further comprising a detecting means for detecting a position of said intermediate

transfer ~~body~~ member; wherein ~~said image carrier starts image formation~~ an image formation is started on said image bearing member based on output from said detecting means.

5. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said ~~image carrier~~ image bearing member and said intermediate transfer ~~body~~ member are contained in the same image forming unit and ~~detachably~~ said unit is attached detachably to an apparatus body.

6. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said ~~image carrier~~ image bearing member and said intermediate transfer ~~body~~ member receive transmission of drive force upon coupling to a side of an apparatus body, and wherein drive force transmission start to said intermediate transfer ~~body~~ member is performed earlier, by a maximum time that said ~~image carrier~~ image bearing member can complete a connection to the side of the apparatus body with said coupling or more, than drive force transmission start to said ~~image carrier~~ image bearing member.

7. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:
~~an image carrier movable~~ a movable image bearing member on which an image is formed;
a movable transfer material ~~carrier movable~~ carrying member for carrying a transfer material, said transfer material ~~carrier~~ carrying member being in contact with said

~~image carrier, in which~~ image bearing member, wherein the image on said ~~image carrier~~
image bearing member is transferred to the transfer material on said transfer material
carrying member ~~carrier~~; and

a controlling means for starting ~~the~~ a drive of said ~~image carrier~~ image
bearing member after ~~the~~ a drive of said transfer material carrying member ~~body~~ is started.

8. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 7,
wherein ~~said image carrier starts image formation~~ an image formation is started on said
image bearing member based on movement of said ~~image carrier~~ image bearing member.

9. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 7,
and further comprising a cleaning ~~means~~ member for cleaning said image ~~carrier~~ bearing
member, in contact with said image ~~carrier~~ bearing member.

10. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim
7, and further comprising a detecting means for detecting a position of said transfer
material carrying member ~~intermediate transfer body~~, wherein ~~said image carrier starts~~
~~image formation~~ an image formation is started on said image bearing member based on
output from said detecting means.